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John C. Morrow Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army District Engineer US Army Corps of Engineers 1455 Market Street San Francisco, California 94103-1398

Subject: Corps Redwood City Salt Plant Records

Dear Lieutenant Colonel Morrow:

On March 18, 2015, I notified you of the Environmental Protection Agency's decision, pursuant to the 1989 Special Case Memorandum between EPA and the Corps, to make the Clean Water Act jurisdictional determination for the 1,478-acre Redwood City Salt Plant. To ensure that the determination is comprehensive, EPA would like to obtain the information the Corps has collected for the site over the years.

I understand that you have confirmed with my Water Division Director, Jane Diamond, that the San Francisco District is ready to expedite the process by arranging for EPA to review the Corps' official files for the site at the District office and select documents to be copied. This is very much appreciated. The priority documents for EPA at this stage are listed below, and we would like to start the process next week. If compilation of the Corps' files requires additional time, EPA can set up a quick succession of visits as soon as the files become available.

- Technical documents and field records pertaining to: elevations (including Mean High and/or Ordinary High Water indicators), such as the District's engineering report, task lists and statements of work associated with the engineering report; USGS T-sheets and tidal data; wetlands, soils and/or vegetation field surveys or reports; and faunal use of the site.
- 2. Past and current permits, permit applications, and project proposals for the site, including all supporting documents and written communications with the applicants or project proponents.
- 3. Documents relating to past, present or future commercial activities or uses, including but not limited to salt production, at the site.

Thank you for helping facilitate EPA's jurisdictional work for the site. The EPA staff contacts for the documents are Melissa Scianni, 415-972-3821, of my Water Division, and Rich Campbell, 415-972-3870, of my Counsel's Office.

Sincerely,

Jared Blumenfeld

cc: Ken Kopocis, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, EPA Major General John Peabody, Deputy, Civil and Emergency Operations, Corps Brigadier General Mark Toy, Commanding General, South Pacific Division, Corps